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Office Action Summary

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LEE ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04/22/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

Claims 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because “An article of manufacture” in the preamble of claims 25-36 does not equal to a medium. It should be replaced by “A computer readable medium” in claims 25-36.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graylin et al (U.S. 2003/0033415 and Rajarajan et al (U.S. 2002/0143949).

As per claims 1,13,25 Graylin disclosed a method for enabling access to resource objects in an application engine, comprising: receiving a request, from a calling entity, for resource objects of a specified type in the application engine; generating a request to the application engine for information on available resource objects of the specified type (Page. 2, Paragraph 0033);

However Graylin did not disclose in detail in response to receiving the information from the application engine, generating a collection object including one metadata element for each resource object of the specified type in the application engine; and returning the generated collection object to the calling entity.

In the same field of endeavor Rajarajan disclosed next the method receives a request to perform the management task in relation to the first managed object and determines which resource to call in response to the request; and then sends a task request to the determined resource to perform the management task (Page. 2, Paragraph 0011). A request is generated and sent to the identified resource to collect all dynamic task.

Dynamic task information relates to functions that may be performed on particular data object, e.g., a particular user, but may not be available for all objects of that type, e.g., all users. Additionally, dynamic task may relate to the particular instance of an object, e.g., a task relating to disabling an account is dynamic since it depends on whether the account has been enabled (Page. 12, Paragraph. 0101).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated next the method receives a request to perform the management task in relation to the first managed object and determines which resource to call in response to the request; and then sends a task request to the determined resource to perform the management task. A request is generated and sent to the identified resource to collect all dynamic task. Dynamic task information relates to functions that may be performed on particular data object, e.g., a particular user, but may not be available for all objects of that type, e.g., all users. Additionally, dynamic task may relate to the particular instance of an object, e.g., a task relating to disabling an account is dynamic since it depends on whether the account has been enabled as taught by Rajarajan in the method of Graylin because accessing different resources in this manner is time

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consuming and requires a mastery of many types of applications and front –ends (Page. 1, Paragraph. 0007).

3. As per claims 2,14,26 Graylin- Rajarajan disclosed wherein the calling entity comprises an application program (Graylin, Page. 7, Paragraph 0078).

4. As per claim 3,15,27 Graylin-Rajarajan disclosed wherein the calling entity issues the request from a client and wherein the request is received on a server including the application engine (Graylin, Page. 7, Paragraph. 0078).

5. As per claims 4,16,28 Graylin-Rajarajan disclosed wherein the application engine is one of a plurality of service engines enabling access to service resources, wherein the request for the resource objects from the calling entity comprises a method that is a member of a service class implementation of the application engine, wherein each service engine provides one service class implementation of methods and objects from a same abstract service class (Rajarajan, Page. 7, Paragraph 0072-0074).

6. As per claims 5,17,29 Graylin-Rajarajan disclosed wherein the application engine and other service 2 engines comprise workflow products from different vendors (Rajarajan, Page. 20, Paragraph. 0175).

7. As per claims 6,18,30 Graylin-Rajarajan disclosed wherein the workflow service class implementations from different vendors each include methods and objects from a

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same abstract workflow service class specifying methods and objects to include in all workflow service class implementations (Graylin, Page. 8, Paragraph 0095).

8. As per claims 7,19,31 Graylin-Rajajaran disclosed wherein the application engine comprises a workflow engine and wherein the specified type of the requested resource objects comprises one of workflow objects, workflow templates and work lists defined in the application engine (Graylin, Page. 8, Paragraph 0091).

9. As per claims 8,20,32 Graylin-Rajajaran disclosed wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class, further comprising: receiving a retrieve method in the collection object class from the calling entity requesting the resource object represented by one selected metadata element in the collection object (Rajajaran, Page. 5, Paragraph. 0050); generating an additional request to the application engine for the resource object requested in the retrieve method; receiving the requested resource object from the application engine; and returning the requested resource object to the calling entity invoking the retrieve method (Rajajaran , Page. 7, Paragraph. 0072).

10. As per claims 9,21,33 Graylin-Rajajaran disclosed wherein the calling entity uses methods from the collection object class to access the collection object (Rajajaran, Page. 12, Paragraph. 0098).

11. As per claims 10,22,34 Graylin-Rajajaran disclosed wherein the generated additional request to the application engine is in a service class implemented by the

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application engine including methods and objects to access the application engine (Graylin, Page. 2, Paragraph 0033).

12. As per claims 11,23,35 Graylin-Rajarajjan disclosed wherein the application engine is one of a plurality of service engines enabling access to service resources, wherein each service engine provides one collection object class implementation of methods from a same abstract collection object class used to instantiate and manipulate a collection object including metadata on resource objects available at: the application engine (Page. 6, Paragraph 0061-0062).

13. As per claim 12,24,36 Graylin-Rajarajjan disclosed wherein the collection object is generated using methods from a collection object class and wherein the request for the resource object from the calling entity is in a service class implemented by the application engine that includes methods and objects to access the application engine (Page. 5, Paragraph. 0049-0050).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 03/07/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Response to applicant's arguments is as follows.

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14. As to 101 Rejection applicant argued that the “article of manufacture claims” are directed to statutory subject matter and comply with 35 U.S.C 101.

As to 101 Rejection applicant’s argument is not persuasive, “article of manufacture” does not hold the same meaning as medium or according to applicant as code or logic of the program.

15. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose, ”receiving the information from the application engine, generating a collection object including one metadata element for each resource object of the specified type in the application engine that is returned to a calling entity requesting resource objects of a specified type”.

As to applicant’s argument Graylin disclosed, “an exemplary entitlement manager system which provides the underlying structure for the user preference elaborating system includes an entitlement processor which receives data from and provides data to an accessor storage, an accessor group data and an object registry data storage. As used herein “accessor” are entities which request access to and are generally entitled to some kind of access to, objects or resources in the system. An “accessor group” refers to a named collection ort group of accessors. An “object registry” (OR) includes individual resources, each resource uniquely identified and associated with an entitlement expression.” (Page. 2, Paragraph. 0033). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that receiving the data is interpreted as same as receiving information and “accessor group” is interpreted as collection of objects.

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16. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose, "Requirement of multiple service engines, each providing one service class implementation of methods and objects from a same abstract service class".

As to applicant's argument Rajarajan disclosed, "the client computer system may communicate with the server computer system via many different protocols over various types of connections. As shown in FIG. 1, the system 102 and 104 may communicate via the internet 106 using Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), mark-up languages, or some other communication protocol suitable for use with, for example, the internet, in a particular embodiment, client computer system 102 is a Microsoft.NET client, but other, non-Microsoft NET client may be used (Page. 3, Paragraph. 0038).

17. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose, "multiple application or service engines comprising workflow products from different vendors".

As to applicant's argument Rajarajan disclosed, " As is shown in Figure. 3, the client environment may include a web browser, such as browser shown in FIG. 1, as well as an applet running on the web browser 311. The applet functions to generate a management console, as described in below, in the web browser that is compatible with the Microsoft ".NET Framework" (Page. 16, Paragraph. 0131).

Conclusion

18. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

20. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin Wallace can be reached on (571)-272-6159. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

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21. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-746-7239 (For Status Inquiries, Informal or Draft Communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT");

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(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

22. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

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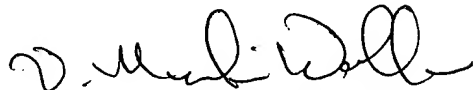
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